

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 18, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MASON made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 224.]

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of A. H. Cole, of Florida, asking payment of his claims as a suttler in Florida, which stand to the credit of the respective soldiers at the Treasury Department, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That it would appear *prima facie* from the *ex parte* testimony on file with the petition, that the petitioner is entitled to the relief prayed, it being the payment of various sums alleged to be due to him as suttler to certain companies of troops engaged in the late war in Florida, therein named, from privates who died in service, or deserted, or were dismissed.

Your committee therefore recommend that, as was done in a like case on petition of William Tharp, by an act entitled "An act for the relief of William Tharp," passed May 22, 1826, the matter be referred to the proper accounting officers of the treasury, with instructions to audit the accounts named, and ascertain the sums justly due to the petitioner, and which stand to the credit of the soldiers at the Treasury Department, and that the sums so ascertained to be due from the soldiers respectively be paid to the petitioner. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

